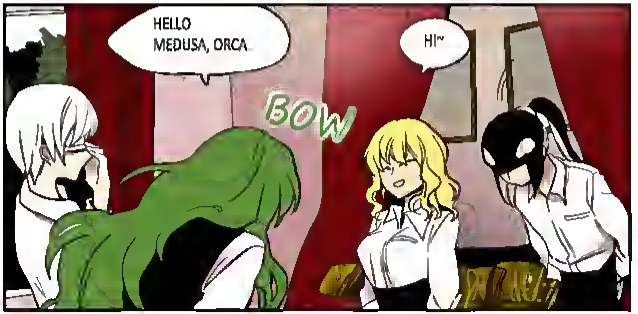
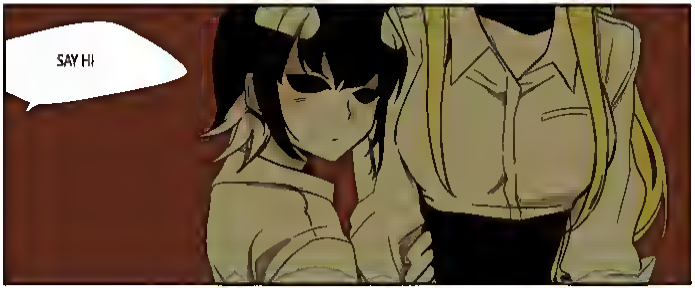
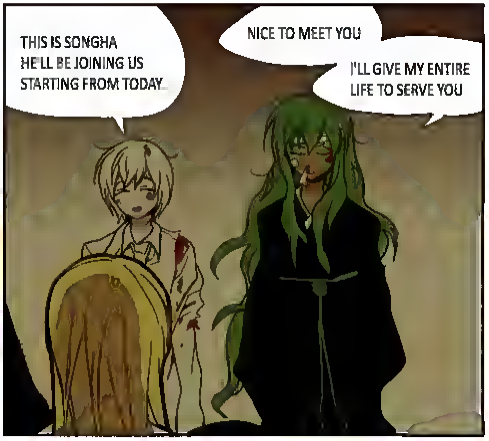
IT'S BEEN A WHILE-


HELLO
MEDUSA, ORCA
BOW
HI~

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?
I WAS TRAINING ON A MOUNTAIN
DID YOU START ANY FOREST FIRES?

I DON'T LIKE HIM BEING AROUND


SAY HI


THIS IS SONGHA
HE'LL BE JOINING US
STARTING FROM TODAY
NICE TO MEET YOU
I'LL GIVE MY ENTIRE
LIFE TO SERVE YOU

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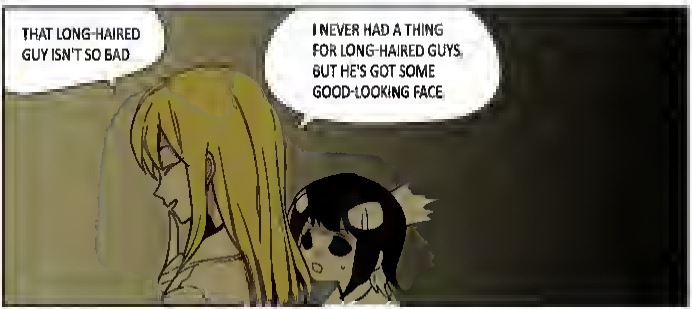

THAT LONG-HAIRED GUY ISN'T SO BAD
I NEVER HAD A THING FOR LONG-HAIRED GUYS, BUT HE'S GOT SOME GOOD-LOOKING FACE

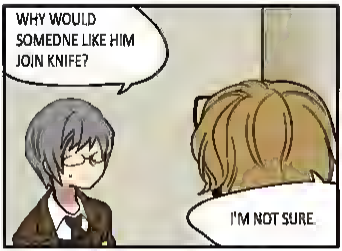
I'VE GOT TO MAN UP AND STOP THINKING ABOUT THIS
SONGHA STABBED NAGA'S HAND AND WE JUST BARELY ESCAPED.
THAT MUST'VE HURT

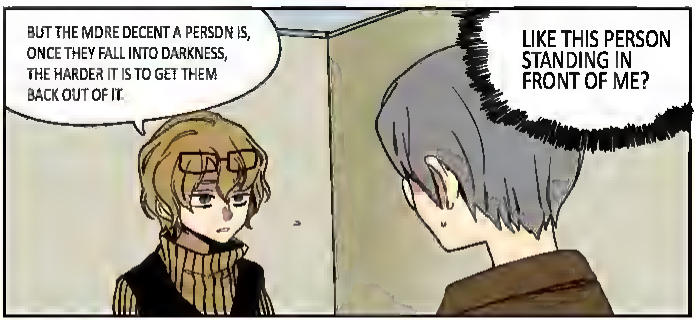
YOU SHOULD'VE GONE EASY ON HIM, HE'S JUST A KID
A TIMID TACKLE

I DON'T WANT THIS KIND OF HERO

SONGHA?

I KNOW HIM.
HE WAS A PROMISING YOUNG TALENT KNOWN FOR HIS SINCERITY AND ABILITIES, BUT...

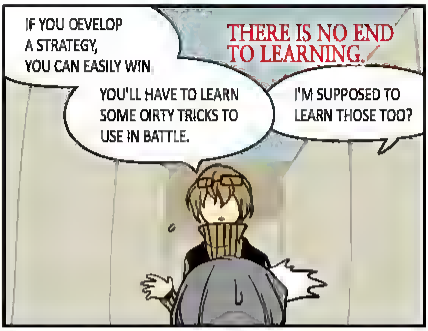

WHY WOULD SOMEDNE LIKE HIM JOIN KNIFE?
I'M NOT SURE.

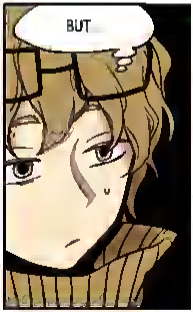

BUT THE MDRE DECENT A PERSDN IS, ONCE THEY FALL INTO DARKNESS, THE HARDER IT IS TO GET THEM BACK OUT OF IT.
LIKE THIS PERSON STANDING IN FRONT OF ME?

ANYWAY, I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL BETTER...
THAT ADVICE THAT SONGHA GAVE YOU IS ALL TRUE, SO MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER IT.
LET ME SEE YOUR HAND
OKAY.

WOULD AN ENEMY LIKE HIM REALLY GIVE GOOD ADVICE?
NOT NORMALLY.

BUT HE LIKES FIGHTING REAL TOUGH OPPONENTS, AND HE'S A VERY UPRIGHT PERSON, SO YOU CAN TRUST HIM
HE'S NOT THE BEST TYPE IN BATTLE


IF YOU OEVELOP A STRATEGY, YOU CAN EASILY WIN.
THERE IS NO END TO LEARNING.
YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN SOME OIRTY TRICKS TO USE IN BATTLE.
I'M SUPPOSED TO LEARN THOSE TOO?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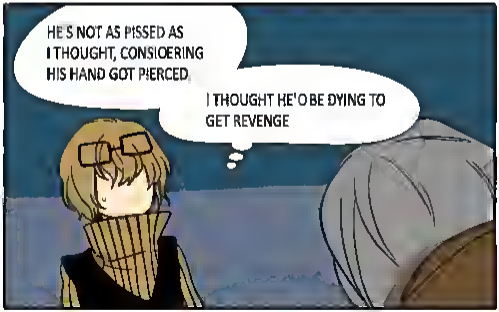
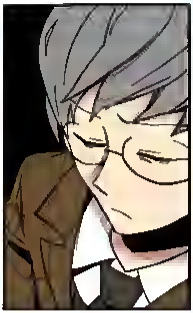
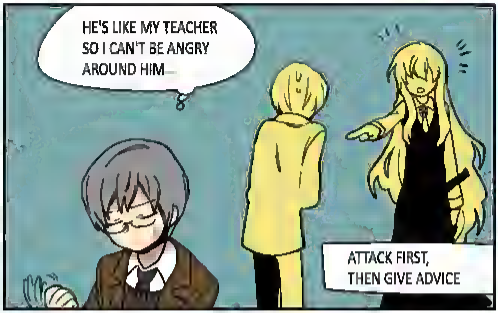

HE'S NOT AS PISSED AS I THOUGHT, CONSIOERING HIS HAND GOT PIERCED.
I THOUGHT HE'O BE DYING TO GET REVENGE



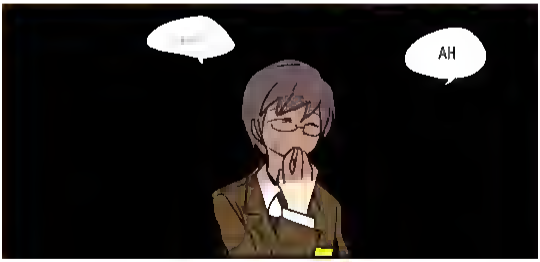

HE'S LIKE MY TEACHER
SO I CAN'T BE ANGRY
AROUND HIM—
ATTACK FIRST,
THEN GIVE ADVICE

WE'LL CONTINUE WITH
THE DEFENSE TRAINING
WE LEFT OFF WITH BEFORE
OKAY

HM
AND

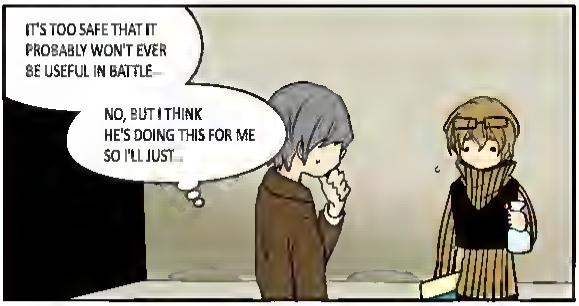
IF I WERE YOU
I WOULD AVOID TALKING ABOUT SONGHA TO SASA
WHY?

THEY USED TO BE
BEST FRIENDS

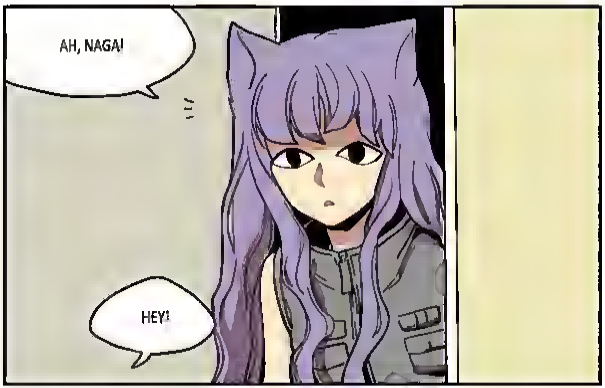

AH

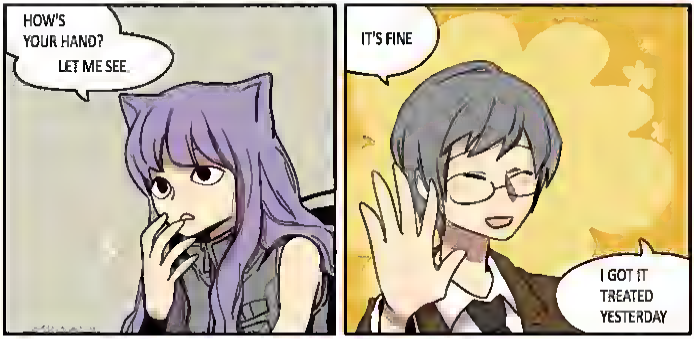
I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL
TODAY WE'LL BE USING THESE TO PRACTICE

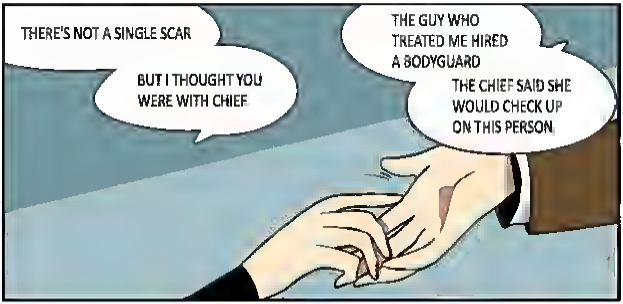
AH
ANOTHER WATER FIGHT?
SINCE IT'S SAFE...

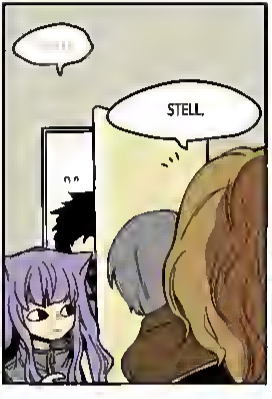

IT'S TOO SAFE THAT IT PROBABLY WON'T EVER BE USEFUL IN BATTLE...
NO, BUT I THINK HE'S DOING THIS FOR ME SO I'LL JUST...

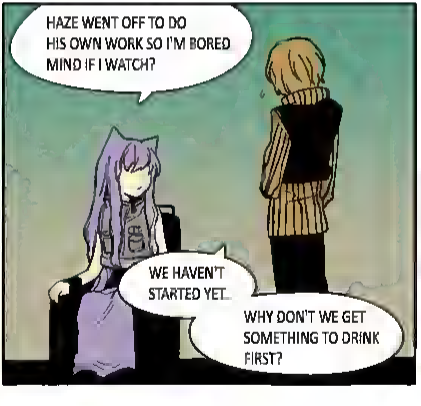
CLICK


AH, NAGA!
HEY!

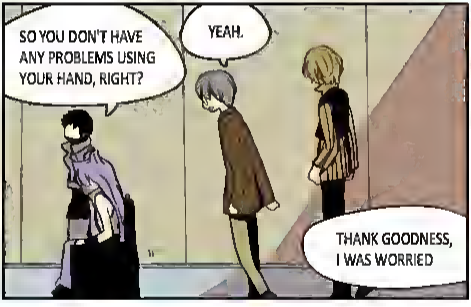

HOW'S YOUR HAND?
LET ME SEE.
IT'S FINE
I GOT IT TREATED YESTERDAY


THERE'S NOT A SINGLE SCAR
BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE WITH CHIEF
THE GUY WHO TREATED ME HIRED A BODYGUARD
THE CHIEF SAID SHE WOULD CHECK UP ON THIS PERSON.

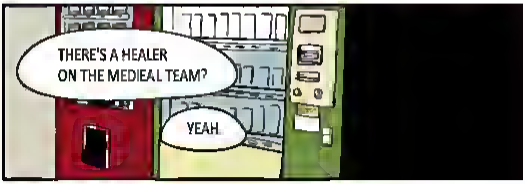

STELL.

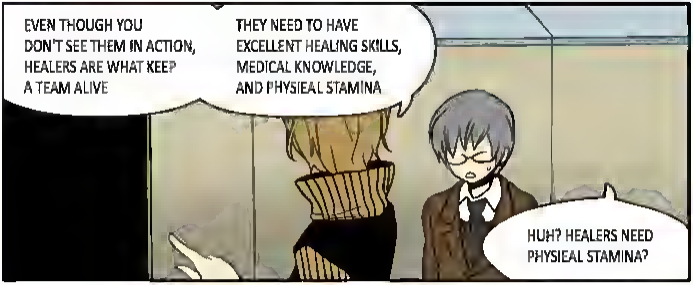

HAZE WENT OFF TO DO HIS OWN WORK SO I'M BORED MIND IF I WATCH?
WE HAVEN'T STARTED YET.
WHY DON'T WE GET SOMETHING TO DRINK FIRST?

I THOUGHT YOU HAD TO SEE CHIEF ABOUT SOMETHING.
NO, IT'S NOT URGENT.


SO YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS USING YOUR HAND, RIGHT?
YEAH.
THANK GOODNESS, I WAS WORRIED

WHAT KIND OE TREATMENT DID YOU GET FOR IT TO HEAL SO WELL?
WELL, THAT TWIN NO 1 IS A MASTER HEALER
EVEN OUR OWN HEROES FROM THE MEDICAL TEAM EAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIS WORK

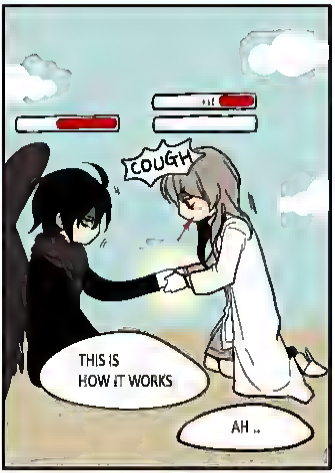

THERE'S A HEALER ON THE MEDIEAL TEAM?
YEAH.

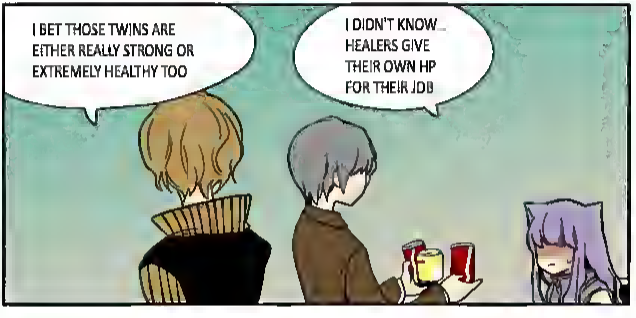

EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T SEE THEM IN ACTION, HEALERS ARE WHAT KEEP A TEAM ALIVE
THEY NEED TO HAVE EXCELLENT HEALING SKILLS, MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, AND PHYSIEAL STAMINA
HUH? HEALERS NEED PHYSIEAL STAMINA?

IN GAMES,
DON'T PRIESTS AND WIZARDS
USUALLY HAVE LOW HP?
CLUNK
GAMES AND REAUTY
ARE DIFFERENT
ALTHOUGH YOU
NEED A LOT OF CASH
TO PLAY BOTH

ACTUALLY, HEAUNG SKILLS
GIVE AWAY PART OF
YOUR OWN LIFE FORCE...
TO ILLUSTRATE IT
WITH IMAGES...

AH,
I'M LITTLE
SHORT ON
MP...

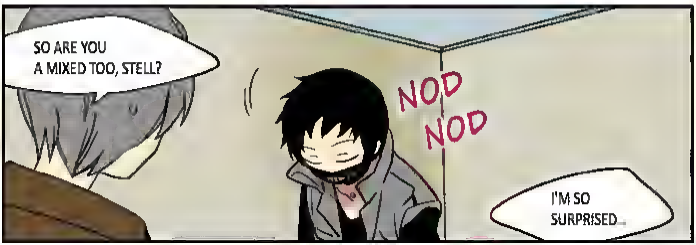

COUGH
THIS IS
HOW IT WORKS
AH ..


I BET THOSE TWINS ARE EITHER REALLY STRONG OR EXTREMELY HEALTHY TOO
I DIDN'T KNOW... HEALERS GIVE THEIR OWN HP FOR THEIR JOB

HERE
WHICH ONE WOULD YOU LIKE?

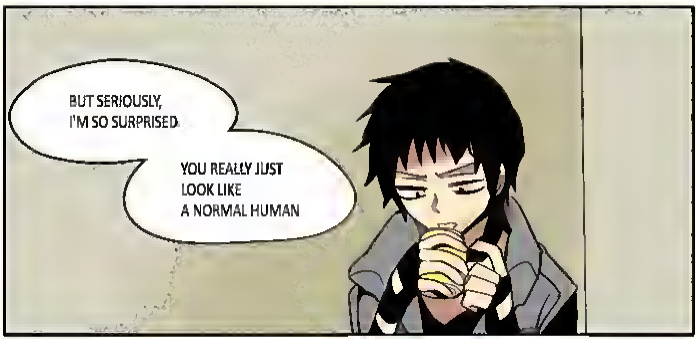
STELL CAN'T HAVE CARBONATED DRINKS
AH, REALLY?

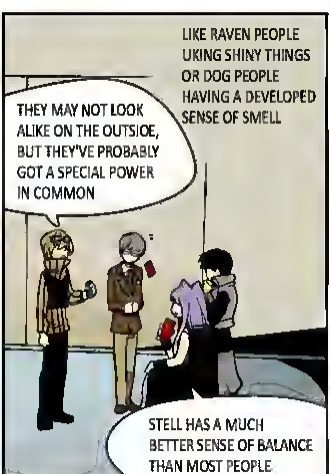
HOW DO YOU KNOW THINGS SO WELL? IS IT BECAUSE YOU RE ON THE SAME TEAM?
YEAH, WELL
WE'RE ACTUALLY BROTHER AND SISTER
NOD
YOU DON T LOOK ANYTHING ALIKE!


SO ARE YOU A MIXED TOO, STELL?
NOD
NOD
I'M SO SURPRISED

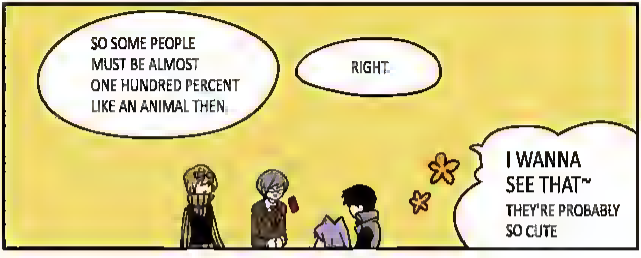
SEEING YOU FOLLOW CHIEF AROUND, YOU LOOKED MORE LIKE A DOG.
THAN A CAT...

AH... I'M SORRY...
I DIDN'T MEAN IT AS AN INSULT...
?
A DOG-CAT HYBRID...?
NO...
PFF
AHAHA HAHAHAHAHAHA


BUT SERIOUSLY, I'M SO SURPRISED
YOU REALLY JUST LOOK LIKE A NORMAL HUMAN


LIKE RAVEN PEOPLE UKING SHINY THINGS OR DOG PEOPLE HAVING A DEVELOPED SENSE OF SMELL
THEY MAY NOT LOOK ALIKE ON THE OUTSIOE, BUT THEY'VE PROBABLY GOT A SPECIAL POWER IN COMMON
STELL HAS A MUCH BETTER SENSE OF BALANCE THAN MOST PEOPLE

THE CHANCES OF A MIXED PERSON RESEMBUNG THEIR PARENTS ARE COMPLETELY RANDOM
STELL LOOKS ALMOST ENTIRELY UKE A HUMAN
I SEE~


SO SOME PEOPLE MUST BE ALMOST ONE HUNDRED PERCENT LIKE AN ANIMAL THEN.
RIGHT.
I WANNA SEE THAT~
THEY'RE PROBABLY SO CUTE

DANA.

HERE,
SMILE
SMILE
THIS IS THE NEW PART-TIMER AND BODYGUARD I HIRED

A COCKROACH HUMAN,
HIS NAME S GREGOR

WOW...